

a management area for recording therein data for managing an absolute start time for each program and for calculating a program number corresponding to each program recorded in the program area.--

REMARKS

The present application is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,510,128 granted on January 21, 2003 for application serial no. 09/864,430 filed on May 24, 2001, which was a divisional application of application no. 09/397,808 filed September 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,275,452 issued August 14, 2001.

Claims 1-5 remain in the reissue application, with claim 4 being amended hereby. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised by the present amendment.

Attached hereto is a version with markings to show changes made to the claims by the current Preliminary Amendment.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in connection with this Preliminary Amendment and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

An early and favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

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